

A Resolution Endorsing the Recommendations of the Church Multiplication Task Force

Whereas this body, the Wesleyan Covenant Association's 2019 Global Legislative Assembly, authorized the formation of a Church Multiplication Task Force to address the establishment of new local churches or the launching of additional sites of existing churches particularly in communities where there is no witness to the historic Christian faith in the Wesleyan tradition and where existing churches are not reaching significant communities in a geographic area;

Whereas the Church Multiplication Task Force has delivered its final report to the WCA's Global Council which received the report and recommended the approval of its recommendations to the WCA's 2021 Global Legislative Assembly;

Now, therefore, the Global Legislative Assembly commends the report for further study and implementation, endorses the following recommendations, directs the WCA staff to advocate in support of such recommendations, and encourages the Convening General Conference of the Global Methodist Church to implement such recommendations:

1. That the Global Methodist Church establish General and Conference-level church planting offices to execute and expand church multiplication efforts.
2. That the Global Methodist Church ensure that church multiplication directors are high on its organizational chart.
3. That local churches designate at least 1% of their total budgets for church planting to be used for local planting efforts and to be shared across the denomination.
4. That the Global Methodist Church adopt a polity that attracts and empowers church planters with theological alignment and effectiveness as primary criteria for credentials.
5. That the Global Methodist Church prioritize ethnic and multi-racial churches.
6. That the Global Methodist Church prioritize new church plants in regions where there is an absence of churches that become part of the Global Methodist Church.
7. That the Global Methodist Church announce the start of new churches on the day it is legally established.